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GENERAL NOTES The Rt Hon Win Gladstone was88

years of age on Wednesday of last

meitizen of Carberr Man, accused of said dagging and robbing himself, with intent to defraud his creditors, has been sentenced to one month's improposent and fined fifty dollars. The GT I had a rear end, coffission

one night last week, near Guelph.
Twelve freight par were decailed, six of them being completely destroyed.
No one was injured.

The Rey let Burns of Tozonto, Secretary of the Aged and Infarm Ministers' Fund of the the Systeman church dropped dead on Sunday while officiating at the funeral of a friend at Galt. Earth tropors were recorded at the Observatory, Toronto, Wednesday

morning las week. The first shoel was strong and was followed by others continuing some twenty minutes. At a public meeting of the citizens of

Collingwood last week, a resolution was carried unanimously in favor of ditt line the bonus to the G. E R to aid in the erect ion of a new elevator in that town.

Rocklyn

There was held at the township hall Rocklyn, a concert given under the auspices of Victoria Methodist Sabbuth School on the evening of Christians December 25th Sofwithstanding the inclemency of the weather the hall was filled almost to the doors with an intelligent and appreciative audience who enjoyed the very select program and were unun mous in pronouncing i to be one of the best concerts ever held in the village of locklyn. . Roy T G Scott the estromed and

popular pastor took the chair promptly at 7 o'clock and in a short pithy address gave the children and others present some good sound christian advice after which he called upon the choir of Victoria for the opening piece which was rendered in a masterly style and was very highly appreciated by the immense audience. Mr Merley Jerret presided at the organ and the manner in which the choir aquitted thomselves reflects great gredit upon themselves and the talented young organist who in the absence of Dr Bennett so ably filled his place for the time being.

Much credit is due the Messrs Donnelly for the very able manner in which they contributed to the evening's onjoyment. These talented violinists gave several beautiful and spirited selections and were enchoiced to the echo.

Mr Spears, our popular and efficient tailor, gave several recitations which were very highly appreciated. Mr Spears, as a reciter, is bound to shine, and we predict for him a warm welcome whonever and wherever he may choose to appear on a public platform.

The children of the Sabbath school contributed no little to the success of the program. The manner in which they acquitted themselvesreflects great credit upon themselves as well as upon the Sabbath School of which they are members. Little Laurine Perry, a little tot of four summers, must not be forgotten. This little girl received round after round of applause on completing her recitation, and well did she deserve it for it really was a marvel for one of such tender years. Last but not least was the distribution of the prizes and presents. The committee had a beautifully decorated boat hung with the presents and so adjusted that it sailed, or rather was rowed and sailed, with rudder and musts out of obscurity into full view of the audience who enjoyed the beautiful spectacle, as Master Earl Cook, clad as old Santa Claus rowed into port. After the distribution of the presents the evening's enjoyment was brought to a close by the audience rising and singing od

save the Queen."

At the annual school meaning held on Wednesday Dec 29th, Mr J Brodie was re-elected school trustee for the third

Mr George Pritchard he been on the sick list but is able to be about again. School started again with

tendance on Tuesday.

There was a full attendance of the electors out to poll their votes on Mon-Miss Sarah Johnston with was home for the holidays returned to her school

in St Vincent on Monday Mr Thos Kells has been given elected to look after the welfare of the rate-payers of ward No 2 at the Council Board for 1898.

East Mountain No more fun for aucher Christmas, New Year and school meeting day all are past. Our new trustee or the next year is Mr Held McMullen-The concert and lunc given in our school Dec 22nd was quize s success.

vendered and a fair attendance.

Mr Wm Stuart, ex-connecillor, has gone so far out of muricipal affairs that he even declines to wele. Mr A Scanlan left for the hospital in Toronto Wednesday of las week, as his leg which was hurt lest summer is

not doing as well as he whild wish. Rey Father Hauck of Markdale held service at the home of Mr inc O'Brien on Tuesday of last week | Ar M Pickett of St Michael's college Toronto

Mr Jaj T O'Brien has been ill for past two weeks but is goning better under the care of Dr Shephard.

West Berkeky

Our happy New Year and come an gone bringing with it the sail sociality but it saddens some of car hearts to think of loved ones who are with us no more having passed over the river to. we hope, better realms beyond.

Among the visitors to gain locality are Mr and Mrs Gray 11 Chicago, Messrs Roy and Nor and Viss Emma Blackwoo of Caledon train Miss Annie Watts ate of Toron while Mrs Thomas Stafford has to itned after undergoing medical treatment at Markham for a couple of marks. She is much improved in health Ed Beatty spont a fave lays down country recently.

Mr and Mrs Amos Staffur and family enjoyed their New Year's Uppner with Mr Thos and Miss Madeil Sowerby pont a week in Garafraid renewing

old acquaintances.

Our school bell rang get merrily
Mouday plorning Miss Herion having ing resumed duties again after spend ing vacation at her home Varuey. So ye see Mr Ed we had quite busy time lately. Oh; jes, we have had a few parties in honor of these bcasions with more to follow duit soon.

Maxwell

Fine sleighing at pres Our school re-opened of Monday Rev Mr Floming presented to the young people a week ago last Sabbath The church was crowded. Mr Wm Watson a stagett of the Universary College, Toronto, spent a low days with friends in this locality. Mr Laydons from Duncal occupied the pulpit in St Mary's wurch last' Sunday morning. The Level I Condell had to attend a function at Dundalk.

Some from here attended the ontertainment at McIntyre of New Year's

number from Mr Robert themselves at the home Wellar on Thursday erening of last New Year's day with friends at week:

Mr Thounton Gamey from Manitoba around this icinity. rtha Stewar

oronto. ladden of the 8th line life on Friday afternoc was interred in the We regret to mentio

'allister is very ill, but recovery. Don't forget the Sund ial which is to be held d fatt 14th at Mr C M Field's residenc Mr McWhinney returned day to attend his school in

Kimberley

Mr George Walter tognically of the roller mill here is moving of Priceville le position place. May good luck and prosperity go with you and your wife and hildren is the wish of you many si

Mr WS ine in his mill vard piling lumber as tuller, Mr Ickee of the Massey Co. same. Mr B and family brook on alvisit. Mr Hugh Knott put

into a new coon skin over dat in Markdale which he bought had for a treat to himself. Mr George Graham is a bb lumber rany trips up the mountain ere he le load 3 or 4 sleighs to start

Jan 2-Mr Melvin Har got a present from his own true wil da bouncing bare foot boy for a Cear gift. Key Mr Hlunket has Houedicts yes army of smash the ice and let the back lors see the folly of single cussed best oh? Thanks to ye editor Spridard for a

calendar. It is a dandy See that Walter JW; S Marshall, your subscription to the Standard is Ball; J B. Court meets in mid this month" I notice plain leters in the margin.

Mr Geo Musgrove spett Caristmas at Hamilton with his will He is at present living at the worthy post master MR Hallidend, Esq. drs Musgrove has not yet ferirned. Miss Soule has commercial bar school eaching again here, as die as a great avorite with the school we will have no trouble getting them

Wanted-We can employ thirty men and women upon salary or commission as agreed to represent us affined home The Look and Bible House; Frantford

INTENDED FOR LAST W Christmas passed very quietly in this Mr J R Atkinson who is studying at the Toronto Dental College cane home

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o spend his holidays. Mr Watson has rented his Mr March who is going to utilize it as tailor shop. Miss A V Ross is home for

days. Misses Jennie and Fannie turned from pear Metz where they have been teaching school. Messrs John and Jess McKechnie of

Owen Sound are visiting at their uncle's Mr A McKechnie. Mr Henry Hogarth is spending a fer well earned hol'days at the parental ome. He has been working near Whitby for the past year.

Lauchlan McLean who was working n North Dakota for two years came ome to visit his parents. THIS WEEK

New Year's day is past , will new leaves turned over. May we hope that they will not be turned There was a lengthy rigram wells prove as pages in our lives which we may afterwards view as steppin stones to higher ideals. Mrs M McAuley and her s Archie of Mt Forest are renewing ac uaintañ-

ces around here. Mr J R Atkinson returned t Toronto Mr. Walter and family of Falls moved into Mr McGowan's house on Monday. Mr W has re mills for a term of five vears. There was no service in the

> bad us many people drove sev ral miles through the storm. Mr J D Brown of Dundall on a business and election Monday.

torian Church last Sunday

some misunderstanding. It

We have new mail carriers Mr N McKinnon of this place drives the noon stage and Mr W Trimble of Flesherton drives through to Durham n the morning and back in the after-

The entertainment in the P ian church last Wednesday was a grand success. The programme was very in-eresting, Hiss Richardson proved herself an entertainer of the highest order fer selections were well chosen. The arious facial expressions such as fear, joy, anger were well brought out. Rev Ir Humphreys gave, a short and Mr M Richardson spoke ninutes about Sunday School The ribbon drill by twe ve girls dressed in white was a prote sight. Prizes were given to the best scholars in each class. Proceeds \$50.5

Walters Falls

Mr Peter Dayman and family Indian Head, N W T are visiting riends in our village. Mr D went to the North West over 15 years ago and has never been back to Ontalio since until now. He thinks the Northwest s the place.
The proceeds of the Christmas tree

Christmas pight was over \$4 instead of \$42.40 as stated last week. social which was given on T ast week was fairly well attended and elped to swell the Sabbatl unds. The proceeds of the ounts up to over \$50.

Professor Shunk was as far is prophesies about the we ew Year's day as Professor i few years ago. We think if he local prophets such a Crowther et al don't leave the alone so that it can settle down they ought to get 2 weeks tied up in Han-

Mr and Mrs Bonnell and Mss Georgie, Mr and Mrs T Barker, Mrs T G Prowd and little Frela spent Head.

Remember the Central Ag concert on Friday next. this affair to be the best of. as the committee is doing power to make it a great reat. Dr Sproulous to tak the chair at 8 o'clock sharp. Admission 25cts. Everybody is invited to con Mr. W C McLeod formerly our school left on Friday for

where he has a situation in nercial college in that city. ratulate Me in his good etting such a good situation . We are sorry to hear that

Dayman is on the sick list. A very pleasant affair took pl at Mr and Mrs Goo Saunder mile from our village when t ghter Sorbia was united to Mr EP Inmuill in holy matrime Th groom was assisted by Mr W Collins vas ably

upported by her sister Miss' Saunders. Rev J Power perfor ceremony. The young couple are well and favorably known and all wishing them a long and har

ried life. Mr and Mrs Anderson Centre spent New Year's day and Mrs Clark of this village Messrs R Olmstead & Son umber of teams drawing Holland Centre where they will ship overal car loads. We unders Massey Harris Co has bought

tire lot. Mrs Campbell of the post nough to the misfortune to fall on Mo parket. juring herself considerably. juring herself considerably. Court Walters Falls of

Order of Foresters at their meeting on Wednesday even Dec elected the following of by not the next-year: W A Dayma T G Prowd, W.C R; T Bowse JR Wickham, FS; RJ Watso G Caswell, Chap; Jos Mower, hall last Saturday in every month isiting brethren made welc

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Flesherton The Methodist Sabbath countered inclement weather intertainment on New Year's but notwithstanding this the enthusiasm prevailed and the church was well filled with an-app ciative andience. The children wer full force and were first given dainty ton in the basement of the church after which all comers were bountifully served. The pastor, Rev Mr presided and after the opening song called upon Rev. Mr Thom to lead in prayer. Then came the children's turn to entertain their parents and friends which they did by a large number of recitations, dialogues and songs which for the most part were well rendered and highly pleasing to the audience. We cannot enumerate but among the little folks Elsie Barnhouse, Ruby

Trimble and Mabel Boyd sang pretty songs and Edna and Laura Pedlar a pretty duet, Miss Ida Gjerdrum gave a recitation with good effect, and Miss Clara Strain sang a pleasing solo with violin oblegato. A "ribbon drill" was given by fifteen girls, but the best number of the evening was 'The May Queen" which was very well given and lowed that great pains and labor had been bestowed in its preparation. The reports presented showed activity and progress in the school. Proceeds \$65. Flesherton narrowly escaped a blaze

on New Year's morning. Upon awaking Mr and Mrs Tucker, who reside over Mitchell's bank, were alarmed with a glare of light in an adjoining room where the floor, some furniture and lace curtains were found to be on fire and but a few minutes more it would have been beyond their control. A spark is supposed to have been smouldering through the night. A mare belonging to Rev W Defoe of

Markdale ran away from that place on New Year's evening and was not captured until she had gone a mile and a half east of this place making a run of seven and a half miles. Mr Defoe followed her on foot to this place when his brother hitched up and went in pursuit finding her as above stated, phone post. The cutter was unscathed wing to but the mare was apparently none the

worse for her escapade.
The following are the officers elected n. the Methodist Ladies Aid Society for the current year: Hon Pres, Mrs J W Arnstrong; Pres, Mrs WH Flesher; Sec, Mrs W A Armstrong; Treas, Mrs Pedlar: Parsonage Com Mrs J W Armstrong, Mrs Flesher and Mrs Lawrence.

While operating a circular saw cutting wood last week Mr Andrew Bentham had the index finger of the right. hand severed at the knuckle joint. Mr A M Gibson lost a highly prized

dog last week. The wounds in his side indicated having been stabled with a hay fork. The perpetrator of the brutal deed is likely yet to be found out and deserves to be made an example of.
The nunicipal elections in Artemesia resulted as follows: Reeve, Dr Christoe, maj 28; Councillors, McMillan,

maj 4; T Kells, maj 50; D McTavish. naj 69; Geo Thompson, accl. The following are the officers elected in Dufferin Lodge I O O F for the current term: John Whitten, N G; John

Adams, V G; R N Henderson, R S; W Moore, P S; D McTayish, Treas. At the annual school meeting here last week Banker Mitchell was elected trustee. Dr Christoe has held the position for the past nine years. The other members of the board are Two other members of the board of Clerk Hellamy and Wm Davis.

Mr W W'Trimble has a complete out fit and made his first trip with the Flesherton and Durham mail on Set-

Dr E K Richardson of Toronto Junction was home for part of the holidays. Year visitors: Mr G Bruce, barrister, Collingwood, and Mr Little, lentist, Colborne, were the guests of Mr M Richardson and family; Mr and Mrs Wes Armstrong of Lucknow accompanied by Mes Arnold of Rat Portage the guests of Mrs J W Armstrong; Rev and Mrs Keefer of Linwood visited the former's parents; Mr W Sullivan visited his parents; Mrs Neilson of friends; Mrs (Dr) Reid of Shelburne er sister, Mrs W W Trimble; Miss Boyd of Conn visited her brother, Mr John Boyd; Mr T W Kirby paid his home a visit in (Juelph; Mr Geo Mitchell visited his mother at 'Alliston and Mr Archie Gibson visited in To-ronto; Miss Marie Watt of Stratford is visiting her tincle, Rev Mr Thom, this week, and Mr W Neil of Newmarket is isiting his sister at Mr Wm Neil's;

Mrs Vanzant is visiting her sister in her aunt in Shelburne.
Mr D W Thompson was stormstayed here on his way to Proton Station and preached for Mr Thom in the Presbyterian church. Mr Thompson leaves this week to enter the missionary trainng institute at Nyack, N Y.

Osprey Council

The council of Caprey met in Maxwell on Dec 15th according to statue The members all present. Minutes c last meeting read and confirmed. Circulars were read from Prov boar

of health re report of local board; from Proy auditors' department re books for treasurer; from FS Spence, secretary Dominion Alliance, re amend ments to license law; from W T Clark, bill 40 cts, rep scraper; from Robt Heron, bill 58 cts, necessaries furnished Mrs Stokes, indigent, re case of diptheria; report from special committee re 25th siderond, con 4; from Josiah Gamey, treas, detailed statement of receipts and expenditure from Jan 1st 'to late; from Toronto general hospital re Gillies, Neil Gillies, Annie Gillies, Joe Chas Stewart and M McKenzie, invalid ndigents; from A G Campbell, bill \$2,

post stamps to clerk.
Orders were issued on the treasurer to pay W T Clark, 40 cts rep scraper; A G Campbell, \$2 post stamps to clerk Dr Scott, \$3; Hy Heitman, \$2; Neil McLean, \$2; Thos Scott, \$1; Robt Weir, \$1 for use of hall holding council meetings; Thos Scott, \$2 assisting treasurer to prepare financial statement John Clark and W H Guy, 32 each examining and reporting on 25th sideroad con'4, Wm J Monaghan, 87 attending

tax sale, Owen Sound Bylaw No 357 fixing the Orange Hall, Maxwell, as place for holding nomina tion and appointing deputy returning officers as follows: Div 1; Firman Irish; div 2, Josiah Gamey; div 8, Ira H Perrigo; div 4, John Lindsay; div 5, Thos Scott; div 6, Thos S Freethy; and by law for paying township officers for service in 1896 as follows: W J Monaghan, reeve, \$16, road com, \$20, postage, 84; John Clark, dep reeve, 816, road com, \$20; John Speers, dep reeve, \$16, road com, \$18; W H Guy, conucillor, \$16, road com, \$20; Irwin Morrison, councillor, 816, road com, 822; were each read the necessary number

of times and passed in committee.

Council adjourned.

Thomas Scott, clerk:



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Report of Cherry Grove school, for IV class, Lillie Sewell, Samford Dou-Proton Station visited her sister, Mrs W A Armstrong; Mr R Wright of Hagarsville, visited his home; Miss Emma Wright of Weston visited old Melville Harris, Millie Myers

II class, Maud Blakely, Edna Becktt, Flora Tebbutt. 2nd pt of I, Randolph Bradey, Lewis Tebbutt, Ruben Bradey, Euphemia Iodgson, Hannah Hodgson, George Myers, Lottie Harvey.

I class, Nat Hill, John Hodgson Walter Tebbutt, Frank Douglas, Alex Harvey, Frank Harris, Maggie Hays Nellie Hodgson. Honor pupils .- Lillie Sewell, Balme Katie Dickie, Willie Donglas, Mand

Toronto; Miss Zilla Trimble is visiting | Bradey, Samford Douglas, Willie Dickie Blakely, Flora Tobbutt, Edna Beckett, Lottie. Harvey, Lowis Tebbutt. Ran lolph Bradey, Frank Douglas, Walter Tebbutt, Euphemia Hodgson, Alex Harvey, Nat Hill, Herby Hill. E G Read, toucher

Report of Union School No 9 Syden am and St Vincent for December. Names in order of merit. Class 5, Alex Wilson.

Class 4 sr, Peter Reid, Jessie Thom Emily Anderson, Neil McKay., Class 4 jr, Walter Sword, Nellie Thom, David Reid, Gilbert Morrison, John Wilson, Maud McPherson, Hugh

Wilson. Class 3, Lily Sword, Aggie Thom, homas Findlay, Percy McPherson, Johnny Thompson, Johnny Cathrae Beatrice McKinley, Gladys Collison dgar Cruickshank. Class 2|sr, Florence Findlay, Allie 201, L Kirkham, 200.

Mellafont, Willie Mellafont, Russell Thom, Tommy Wilson, Maud Scabrook rank McPherson, Robbie Wilson. Class 2 jr, Wilfred Mower, Mary McLean, Clara Thompson, Willie Cathrae, Tommy Scabrook, Herby Watson,

Susanna Watson Part 2, Florence Newman, Annie Vatson, Bessie McKinley, Fronie Vatson, Stanley Clarke. Part 1 sr, Herbie Mower, Nellie

brook, Alexander Thompson, Howard Wilson, Johnny Reid, Harry Mella-WJ Henderson, teacher. Report of S S No 18, Euphrasia, for

Part i jr, Wesley Wilson, Willie Sea-

4th, E McCutcheon. Srd, Ma Irwin, C Sewell, I Lee, S Leppard, L Irwin I Holley, L Johnston. 2nd, H Lee, B Holley, M McAfee, J McCutcheon, W Sewell, W McCutch-

eon. A Holley, A Ward, J Boyd, & Cutting, F Cutting. Pt 2nd sr, G Erskine, J McAfee, R ohnston, A Richardson, E McCutcheon, A Holley, W Walker, G Irwin, B Sewell, jr. E Lee, E Walker, E Ken-

Pt 1, L Johnston, E Richardson, E Leppard, M Sewell, E Holley, L Lee. Average attendance for Dec, 82, average for the year, 24.

M L Coleridge, teacher.

Report of Irish Lake school for the month of December.

Sr IV, May Sullivar Jr IV, P. J. Kelly. Sr III, Kitty Pearran May Butler and Leo Sullivan, con I Thomas But-May Butler lartha l'earran John Kelly, Kitty. Car bell, Earnest Sewell, Charlie Sewel

Pt II, Lizzie Ryan. I, Malcolin McRae. llie O'Hear Matthew Butler, Leo Kelly, Bertie Sewell, Philip Pearran Geo Pearra Kate B McCompek, teacher. Honor Roll for Wales Falls Put

school for December. V. Lucy Hemon. IV, M McQuaker, M Hyce, W Will er, N King, G Deleree J Walter, lanbury, 1 Mower, C ook, J McCullough. Class 3 er 1 Olmsten

Vanwyck Class 3 jr. L Kirkha Seabrook, & King. Class 2 sr A King, Payman.

Freeman, M Deleree, Caswell. King, A Speck. Class 2 sr R Kirkham R Lemon, Bonnell, M Dyce, P Stath, M King A Torrie, R Shepherds L Mower. Class 2 jr R Wickham R Dayman N Speck, M Lemon. Class 1, 1 Ptolemy, Mower, K Scabrook an R NeQuay

epual, E King; R She herdson, Pt 1, E Delereo, W Me luay, J King H Dayman, R Speck, I Smith equal, R Watson Highest three in attention year, L Olmstead 202 day, R Kirkham

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